

unless the Penns will ^{give freely} comply with ^{to acquire what the Council have} what is mentioned in the ^{Report of the Council} ~~Report of the Council~~ ^{to be performed}. Mr Jennings has taken some pains to make himself Master of the Affair, as he will be able to give you more light into it than I am yet able to do. I must beg leave to refer you to him. Mr Cropp gave it as his Opinion to the Council that the Temporary Line is to the Northward of any Bendings of the River Potomack & that the South Branch runs 60 or 80 Miles farther West than the Spring Head of the Northern Branch upon w^{ch} representation of this by Advice of the Council I have wrote the following Lett^r to Ld Fairfax - My Lord -

I have the Honour of acquainting Your Ldp. with my appointment to the Government, and at the same time of expressing a sincere Satisfaction from the hopes of being instrumental in forwarding a mutual Benefit to Your Ldp. as well as the Ld Proprietary of this Province. - Ld Baltimore was pleased to charge Me with an Enquiry into the true Meridian & Place of the Fountain Head of Potomack: the best information I have been hitherto able to procure gives Me reason to believe there has been a mistake in fixing the Spring Head to the North Branch since the Length with other Circumstances more properly denotes the southern Branch commonly called Wappacombe to be the main & principal Course of that River. I am the more willing to be persuaded of the truth of this representation from the considerable Advantage that will accrue to Your Ldp. - That Branch I am informed has never been thoroughly explored & traced to its Source - but I flatter Myself with having Your Ldp's concurrence for such an Examination into its Course Length Width & Depth as may bring this